

### Our Correspondents.

#### Greenwood

Health is fairly good.  
We had a fine rain Friday.  
Some of our farmers are preparing to sow peas.  
Lone Blue Eyes attended the picnic at Zalma the Fourth.  
Singing at Greenwood every Sunday night. Everybody invited.  
Grover Back, who has had employment in St. Louis, is at home.  
Roy Gaither visited at "Uncle" George Day's Sunday night.  
Mr. and Mrs. Green Fowler of Cape Girardeau visited in this locality last week.  
Come on "Green Fuz." Don't let "Lone Blue Eyes" bluff you.  
News is scarce, so I will close for this time. DEADWOOD.

#### Glen Allen

We all seem to have survived the Fourth and had a good time.  
Messrs. Roy and James Green of Blodgett spent the Fourth at this place.  
Mrs. J. H. Winters of Hotchkiss, Colo., is spending a few weeks with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Deck, near Glen Allen.  
Miss Allie Baker, who has employment at Bismarck, came down to visit her mother last week.  
Mr. and Mrs. E. A. Lincoln came over from Cape Girardeau Sunday morning. He returned home Monday, but Mrs. Lincoln will stay a week or two, visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Deck and other relatives and friends.  
Miss Flossie Layne returned to Morley, after a few days' visit with home folks. A READER.

#### Ezra

Arrived too late for last issue.  
Warm weather and lots of rain.  
Crops look fine, but are getting rather foul, on account of the wet weather.  
Well, the glorious old Fourth has come and gone. I hope everybody had as good time as I did. I went fishing with the usual result, except as to the hunger. Didn't founder on fish, either.  
Rev. C. W. Jennings and family, Rev. G. W. Husted and family, J. L. Husted and daughter, Reuben Reed, John Reed, and families, and a host of others spent the Fourth on the creek, fishing. Oh, my! We all had a time!  
James Miller has returned from Oran. Jim says he don't like the sand.  
J. W. Reilly, the county surveyor, was in these parts a few days recently doing some work for J. M. Duncan, C. W. Jennings and others.  
D. E. Conrad has returned from Sikeston recently. Dave says they work eight hour shifts down there—eight hours before noon and eight hours after noon. READER.

#### Leopold

After a long rest I will try and find a little news.  
Health is good.  
We had lots of rain, but weather is fine at present.  
M. J. Vandoren is threshing wheat here with his new machine and it does fine work.  
Gardens and vegetables are fine and corn looks good except it needs cultivation.  
The Fourth passed off quietly here. There was no excitement at all—everybody busy.  
Our annual picnic will come off August 21st, watch for bills later on.  
Rev. P. Kurtenbach received a fine new buggy from St. Louis last week.  
A. Hulshof and Mrs. Herman Elfrink returned from St. Louis Saturday night, where they spent the Fourth visiting.  
Rev. P. Kurtenbach made a trip to Scott county Tuesday, returning Thursday. A READER.

#### Gipsy

Arrived too late for last week.  
Health is good with few exceptions.  
Rain! Rain! and plenty of it this week.  
Most of the farmers are about done plowing corn for this season.  
Rev. Buckner preached us some

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Some of the young people of this country attended the big dinner and Whitener reunion at Grassy Sunday. They say dinner tasted a great deal better on the dirt.

Mrs. W. D. Hinkle is sick at this writing.

Chas. Gibbs, who is working in St. Louis, is visiting relatives and friends in this vicinity and was looking after his farm this week, returning home the latter part of the week.

Miss Emma Loyd and her friend Mr. Gillilan were the guests of Ethel Hinkle Sunday.

The "show" that came in Gipsy last week seems to think pretty well of this place, as they are still here and expect to stay till Tuesday or Wednesday.

Dr. Doggett and Dr. Mayfield of St. Louis are visiting Dr. Doggett's father, J. W. Doggett, at this place. These two young men graduated from a medical college in St. Louis this year. Wish them the greatest success.

Dolph Lacey visited at W. D. Hinkle's Sunday.

Sunday school is progressing nicely. Everybody invited to come.

For fear this hits the waste basket I will close. SWEETHEART.

#### Castor

As I haven't seen any news in THE PRESS from this place in quite a while, I will try and send in a few items.

Health good.  
There has been plenty of rain and lots of mud.

Wheat stacking seems to be the go these days.

Several of the young people of this place met at the grove of R. T. Whitener's to spend the evening and had an enjoyable time.

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Rhodes and family visited Mr. and Mrs. Adolph Hayne Sunday.

Several of the people attended church at Gravelton Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Whitener were the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Bob Whitener Sunday.

There will be a moonlight picnic and entertainment at the grove of A. T. Whitener's Saturday night, July 20. Everybody invited as there will be some splendid music and recitations. BLUE EYES.

#### Bessville

Last Thursday Rev. F. F. Yount pronounced the words that united Fred Mabece and Miss Demmie Hawn in the holy bonds of matrimony.

Mr. and Mrs. Lon Morrow and daughter visited friends at Cornwall last week.

Sam Bess and family visited at Marquand the Fourth.

Mr. and Mrs. George Killian and babe visited G. A. Killian at Cornwall last week.

Miss Lena Venable of Spring Valley visited relatives here last week.

Dines Bess and family enjoyed the Fourth with relatives at Marquand.

Mrs. Fletcher of Chicago is here visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Ricketts.

Miss Kate Welker visited friends in Marquand last week.

L. C. Griffith and family visited at H. H. Mabece's Friday.

Our section foreman, Mr. Acuff,

has gone to Oran and D. O. McLean has this work again.

Preaching at Union church next Sunday by Rev. O. A. Bowers.

Something had been catching Mrs. Venable's chickens, so she set a trap and caught an owl that measured 52 inches from tip to tip.

Farmers are plowing corn, which looks very well for the season.

W. A. Crayton spent a few days with home folks last week.

Prayer meeting at M. Lowery's Wednesday night. OLD MAN JACK.

#### Zalma

All roads led to Zalma on the fourth.

Too much rain has badly damaged corn in the level bottoms.

Arthur Howell contemplates going to California for his health next Sunday.

Prof. A. F. Hendricks of Marble Hill enjoyed the "Fourth" and incidentally delivered a nice address here.

"Doc" Davis and Jesse Wells have opened a new restaurant.

Wheat is in the shock, as is the oats crop, and the farmers praying for a few sunny days.

Miss Mollie Zimmerman, the hello girl of Lutesville, spent a week here visiting.

Dan Corbin and family of Greenbrier spent the Fourth at Zalma.

Elbert James came home from Farmington last week, where he has been attending business college.

Our blacksmith, Marshal Roberts, who underwent an operation for an abscess on his lung, is able to be up now.

Dan S. McGee of Greenville shook hands with old friends here last week.

Rhodes & Hopkins are having their engine embedded in concrete. Corbin & Company have their saw mill in running order and are turning out lumber as fast as orders are coming in.

The Fourth was an ideal picnic day, contrary to expectations, a large crowd assembled to celebrate the day and good order prevailed without any friction. Some of those from a distance were: Lucius McLane of Lutesville, J. V. Slinkard and Prof. Hendricks of Marble Hill, Wm. Gray of Bloomfield, Lee King of Cape Girardeau, D. S. McGee of Greenville, Prof. Hendricks, Prof. James Corbin and Rev. Buckner delivered addresses, which were appropriate to the occasion. JAY.

#### Scopus

Arrived too late for last week.  
As I haven't seen any items in THE PRESS from this place in some time, will send in a few.

Health is reasonably good.

Wheat cutting seems to be the order of the day.

Rev. John Stone failed to fill his appointment the fourth Saturday night and Sunday at Mt. Zion.

Finis Stone and Andy Stevens attended Sunday school at Oak Mount Sunday afternoon.

Sunday school at Lone Grove is getting along nicely.

Mrs. Jonas Barks sprained her foot very badly at the ice cream supper at Miles Lincoln's.

Lee Brown returned home from Scott county recently.

Andrew Dockins returned to his home near Benton Saturday.

Miss Viola Nanney is very busy canning berries these days.

Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Spencer of

Blodgett visited her sister Mrs. Lee Mayfield first of the week.

Sam Caby is making frequent trips near Mt. Zion on Sunday. What's the attraction Sam?

J. N. Robins of Gravel Hill purchased a fine mule of Berthold Schrock recently.

Herbert Upchurch of Leadwood visited home folks a few days last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Lyman Bridges visited her parents Mr. and Mrs. Bennett Yount recently.

Misses Idora Jackson and Cora Caby visited Misses Alma and Emma Schrock Sunday.

Mrs. Asa Stevens is improving some.

Our hustling merchants are kept very busy these days.

Marvin Jackson is seen going down the road. He says he has a ticket for—

Most of the young folks of this vicinity are going to spend the Fourth at Glen Allen and Marquand. Estel Patton of near Harricane visits the cold water spring of Cedar branch quite often.

Mrs. John Brown was shopping in our town recently. A READER.

#### Patton

We are having plenty of rain.

Corn has been growing very rapidly since we have been having a few hot days.

Harry Green had quite a close call a few days ago from being struck by lightning. He was riding one mule and leading two others, a bolt of lightning came and killed one of the mules which he was leading and knocked the other two down, also seriously injured by the shock.

Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Smith are on the sick list. Mr. Smith is better, but Mrs. Smith is still pretty sick.

Mrs. Cora Schneider is quite sick at present.

In last week's PRESS, under Patton items, Mr. Hawn's name was mentioned as one of the road commissioners of the road district, formed about Patton, that is a mistake. The three commissioners are as follows: Messrs. Lon Corgan, D. E. Conrad, and Finis Ellis.

Albert Smith has returned from St. Louis where he has been for several weeks. He underwent an operation for appendicitis. Albert is getting along nicely, which is good, for he had a close call. PAT.

#### Buchanan

Health is good at present.

We are having plenty of rain at this writing.

Floyd Sitzes, Miss Millie Center, Eugene Dunn and Miss Myrtle Sitzes attended the picnic at Zalma the Fourth.

T. D. Bess and family, Alonzo Lawrence and family, Calvin Center and family visited Adam Sitzes the Fourth and reported a fine time.

Miss Thelma Myers visited Grove Myers the Fourth.

Chas. Liley visited at W. C. Myers's the Fourth.

Miss Ina Dunn of the Cape is visiting relatives in this vicinity.

Miss Sadie Cullison, who has been staying at Lutesville, is visiting home folks.

Cleve Shetley visited his sister, Mrs. George Bollinger, last Saturday night.

Charley Thomas and family attended the picnic at Zalma the Fourth.

Ed Vavac and family attended the picnic at Lowndes.

The citizens of this vicinity are planning for a big picnic at the Noah Burk farm on the 27th of this month.

Noah Sitzes and family visited Adam Sitzes last Thursday evening.

The singing at Sam Turner's last Sunday evening was well attended. Misses Leola and Cora Bess were guests of Miss Bertha Turner last Sunday.

F. L. Burk and family visited at Lonzo Lawrence's Sunday.

J. A. Burk and wife visited at T. D. Bess's last Sunday.

Noah Sitzes and family visited Mrs. Sitzes's sister, Mrs. Jacob Deck, at Glen Allen last Sunday night.

THREE CHUMS.

#### Notice of Final Settlement.

Notice is hereby given to all creditors and others, interested in the estate of Henry Brands, deceased, that I, Frank Brands, administrator of said estate intend to make final settlement thereof at the next term of the Probate court of Bollinger county, state of Missouri, to be held at Marble Hill on the 12th day of August, 1912. FRANK BRANDS, Administrator.

## THE LOVE OF MONEY A ROOT OF ALL EVIL.

Wealth Itself Not Condemned,  
but the Love of It.

Pastor Russell Advises All to Be Rich Toward God by Serving Others. Says Love of Money is Growing Stronger, Bringing "Moth and Rust" to Our Civilization.



Toronto, Canada, July 7.—Representatives of Bible Students Classes from all over Canada in Convention here for a week adjourned that they might hear Pastor Russell today at Royal Alexandra Theatre. Needless to say that, as always, he had a large and attentive audience. He spoke twice. We report his discourse from St. Luke xii, 21: "So is he that layeth up treasure for himself, and is not rich toward God."

After calling attention to the fact that there never was such a day as ours for the accumulation of wealth, Pastor Russell declared that the wealth itself was not condemned by our Lord, but the love of it. "The love of money is a root of all evil." Nor should he be understood to be a denouncer of wealth and the wealthy. The outpour of Divine favor in the multiplying inventions of our day had poured wealth into the lap of some out of all proportion to their covetousness. Indeed, some of the most covetous people the Pastor knew were poor people who seemed so anxious to get rich that their overstraining led them into numerous financial pitfalls and kept them poor. The happiest people in the world, he said, are those who have "godliness with contentment—great gain." These are rich toward God, for they possess what money cannot purchase—contentment and the peace of God.

Pastor Russell Reported Wealthy. Many such people, with heavily mortgaged properties, come to me under the supposition that I am rich. Indeed, I am told that I have the reputation of being fabulously rich. When at Corinth I learned that the report was current that I was reputed to be a multi-millionaire and that my library alone was worth millions. Servants and porters, of course, expected tips to correspond with that reputation and I was compelled to seem ungenerous.

Indeed, I learned that even in America I am credited with being very rich. If other people's books sell for one or two dollars per volume and mine are sold by the Bible Students Society for one-sixth the price, in order to put them into the hands of the people, it is surmised that I must reap a royalty of millions, whereas I receive nothing. I do not mind telling you, my fellow Bible Students, that long years ago I took the advice that Jesus gave in our context. I recognized the tide of wealth in my possession as a stewardship, the proper use of which in God's service might make me rich toward God. I invested all that I had in His service and spent it all long ago. I became a spender instead of an accumulator of money. Others, perceiving my ability as a spender, have since been putting into my hands for similar use such of their consecrated means as they desired so to use.

In proportion as the money has come in it has gone out in the service of God's Word. In the service of those hungering and thirsting after the Truth. The Lord is blessing His work in every direction. We never lack. We never solicit. Our experience is more or less contagious. Many others are learning to be rich toward God by not holding too tightly to earthly riches.

"Go to, Now, Ye Rich Men."

St. James, by Divine inspiration, uttered a word of warning to the rich of our day. No longer do the rich add barn to barn. That is too slow a way. Now they add bond to bond and bank to bank. With many of them, money-grabbing has become a disease. They are to be pitied. Accustomed to the battlings of trade they have no other pleasure in life. A few of them turn pleasure-hunters; but, alas, they rarely are pleasure-finders, for he who seeks to please himself rarely succeeds. I shall not address this audience as wealthy and urge you to spend all surplus wealth and spend it rapidly in the service of God, in the service of humanity, before it takes wings, before it becomes a canker.

Why not? Because I shall assume that as true Bible Students you have not great wealth to dispose of. I would assume that either like myself you have disposed of your stewardship, or that you were perhaps blessed by never possessing more than a competency. I would, however, urge upon you the general principle of our Lord's teaching, that the possession of money in any amount more than meets our necessities is a stewardship, and that each has a responsibility toward the Lord for the use of such a talent, whether large or small.

To each one of the Lord's covenanted Household found faithful He will say, "Well done, good and faithful servant; thou hast been faithful over a few things, I will make thee ruler over many things; enter thou into the joy of thy Lord"—into the Kingdom which shortly is to bless and uplift the world of mankind.

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